Property and Sales Tax

Current Sales Tax Rates	
Armstrong	6.50%
Bismarck	6.50%
Catlin	6.50%
Hoopeston	6.50%
Potomac	6.50%
Rossville	6.50%
Chrisman*	7.25%
Georgetown	7.50%
Oakwood	7.50%
Mahomet*	7.50%
Tolono*	7.50%
Westville (current)	***7.50%***
Charleston*	7.75%
Paris*	7.75%
Tuscola*	7.75%
St. Joseph*	8.00%
Westville (w/ CSFT)	***8.50%***
Tilton	8.50%
Bloomington	8.75%
Maroa*	8.75%
Peoria*	9.00%
Champaign*	9.00%
Rantoul*	9.00%
Urbana*	9.00%
Danville	9.25%
Decatur*	9.25%

***CSFT in place*

CSFT Cost Examples
Certain Items Exempt

$100 groceries - No increase
$35 gas - 35 cent increase
$23,000 car - No increase
$8 fast food - 8 cent increase
$5,000 corn seed – No increase
$600 TV - $6 increase
$40 medicine - No increase
$5 cigarettes - 5 cent increase
$350,000 tractor - No increase

Vermilion County Property Tax Rates	
Westville (w/CSFT)	***$4.23***
Armstrong (HS+GS)	$4.57
Hoopeston	$4.60
Potomac	$4.73
Georgetown	$4.75
Westville (current)	***$4.82***
Oakwood	$5.12
Bismarck	$5.17
Rossville	$5.30
Danville	$5.34
Salt Fork (Jamaica)	$5.41
Salt Fork (Catlin)	$5.57

Comparing Property Tax Savings to Sales Tax Costs

Revenue from sales tax can be used to reduce property taxes by paying facility debt. This analysis shows amounts of CSFT purchases needed to offset property tax savings.

$100k Home = $161 decrease in property taxes
$16,100 of purchases needed to = $161

$150k Home = $260 decrease in property taxes
$26,000 of purchases needed to = $690

$200k Home = $359 decrease in property taxes
$35,590 of purchases needed to = $359

What voters will see on the April 4th ballot

Shall a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a "Sales Tax") be imposed in Vermilion County at a rate of one (1) percent to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals?

Voters will be asked to vote "Yes" or "No"

A simple majority vote is required for passage.

Voting Information

April 4, 2023, is a consolidated election. You may register with Vermilion County Clerk by February 23. Online registration extends until March 7. Grace period registration runs March 8 until April 4. Early voting begins February 23 until April 3. If you have voting questions, contact the Vermilion County Clerk at (217) 554-1900.

County Schools Facility Tax

Informational Brochure

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For Voter Consideration

April 4, 2023

Consolidated Election

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County Schools Facility Sales Tax

What is the County School Facility Tax?

Since 2007, Illinois voters have had the option to approve a 1% County Schools Facility Tax (commonly known as a sales tax), that shifts facility funding away from property taxes.

What gets taxed?

Items that are currently subject to sales tax will be subject to the CSFT (no new items are taxed). Some items are exempt from the CSFT.

What does NOT get taxed by CSFT?

Groceries	Medicine	Vehicles	Mobile Homes
ATV's/RV's	Seed	Fertilizer	Farm Equip.

How can money be used?

Payoff facility debt and reduce property tax
New school facilities/renovations, or hire school resource officers and mental health providers
May NOT pay teacher salaries, supplies, or books

Who decides how money is used?

All financial decisions are made exclusively by the local school board.

56 of 102 Counties Passed CSFT in IL

Passed = Green

Champaign Co. began the CFST in 2010 and has provided property tax relief and major school facility improvements since implementation.

Do you spend money in Champaign?
If so you already pay CSFT and help fund schools in Champaign County.

How much money would Westville receive if implemented?

Each school district in the county would receive a portion of sales tax money that is based on student enrollment. The most recent projection for Westville is as follows:

$800,000 – New Money

How would Westville use the money?

The Westville school board has identified three priorities for new money if approved by voters.

Priority #1 Reduce Property Taxes

New money can be used to pay off facility debt. Currently property tax is used to pay facility debt. Westville has facility debt from replacing rooves, facility improvements, installing AC at all schools, and boiler repairs.

$370,000 – Debt Payment

The district would commit to using new money to make the debt payment instead of levying property tax to meet this obligation.

Effect on Property Tax Rate and Bill

Based on the last levy, eliminating a facility tax levy projects a 12% decrease in the tax rate for homeowners, small businesses, and farmers.

Effect on Rate $4.82 to $4.23

Effect on a $65k home = $92 decrease on bill
Effect on a $100k home = $161 decrease on bill
Effect on a $150k home = $260 decrease on bill
Effect on a $200k home = $359 decrease on bill

Priority #2 School Resource Officer

Sales tax money may be used to hire school resource officers. Hiring a school resource officer to provide additional security and an increased safety presence in the district during school days and at school events will help deter misbehavior and negative outside influences within the school district.

Priority #3 Improve Opportunities

Ultimately improving educational opportunities for our students is a priority for the district. The following is a tentative plan for how CSFT revenue could be used to accomplish this goal.

Giacoma Elementary School

Build to support early childhood learning, add an auxiliary gym capable of hosting district-wide preschool and daily PE for all students

Westville Junior High School

Build additional classroom space and renovate cafeteria/locker rooms to allow for sixth grade instruction and expanded parking.

Westville High School

Build a performing arts auditorium. Replace the HVAC system in all classrooms, expand parking to accommodate large events.